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IN RE APPLICATION

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCODING A PLURALITY OF PRE-DEFINED CODES INTO A SEARCH KEY AND FOR LOCATING A LONGEST MATCHING PRE-DEFINED CODE  
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RESPONSE

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 6, 2004, the deadline for responding to which is November 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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